

January 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Supplement to Minutes of OCB Meeting, January 6, 1954

Agenda Item 4 -- Emergency Business

b. General Anders. Mr. Dulles presented to the Board for consideration a request from General Anders to the President and the Secretary of Defense for support for the establishment of a Polish exile force. The Board agreed that Anders' forces would be a potential source of recruitment for VFC if VFC became a reality, and that the question of additional assistance for General Anders should be deferred until the question of the establishment of VFC was settled. The Board agreed that the current level of support should be continued pending clarification of General Anders' proposal to the VFC.

/s/ EBS

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Dear Al:

You will already have heard about the decision in the General Anders matter. Personally I have a high regard for him and consider him an extremely useful symbol and an asset in the development of

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This entire matter was considered at a recent meeting of the  
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Of course if the Volunteer Freedom Corps idea ever gets off the ground, this will provide a field for using some of the Polish manpower potential. But unless and until this occurs, large subsidies would only be used to put off the day when certain Poles should endeavor to integrate themselves into civilian life as so many of them have done reasonably successfully. Meanwhile, we will do our part to keep the symbol alive.

Our Ambassador to Rome has just been through here and we had a series of talks. I think I clarified in her mind the misconception that I was opposing certain actions by or through NATO in connection with the Communist menace in Italy. Basically that is not a matter within my competence. I did oppose, and with the general concurrence

of most of my European colleagues, the creation, in conjunction with NATC, of some sort of a clearing house with respect to anti-Communist activities and techniques, to register the successes and failures of individual NATO powers in the task of meeting Communist subversion. I consider this quite an impractical idea and dangerous from the point of view of security. The idea never had any vigor or real backing and I believe is now dead.

The Ambassador's visit did a great deal to clarify our respective views regarding the Italian scene and when the emotional heat was removed I did not find that there was any very basic difference between us.

For well nigh three years now I have been working on the thesis that the Communist parties in France and Italy were a major menace to NATO and European security and thwarted the processes of representative government. I feel we missed a great opportunity when, in doling out the Marshall billions, we failed to force more vigorous action against these parties. I think we should do so now, but I don't feel that the burden of this should be cast upon either NATO or SHAPE because if the individual governments in these two countries fail to act in their own interest and for their own salvation, I don't think it is likely that an international body will succeed.

I appreciate the courtesy you have always extended to [redacted]

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I particularly commend to you. I have sent you some special messages by C. D. Jackson who leaves today for Paris, and hope to see you when you are back here in the states.

Faithfully yours,

A. W. Dulles

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Director

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